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Huon Valley Community Awards 2023 recognise inspirational volunteers

On Saturday 20 May 2023, seven volunteers were honoured at Huon Valley Council's Community Awards Ceremony held at the Huonville Town Hall.

In 2022, Huon Valley Council combined what was the Australia Day Awards with the Volunteer Service Awards. Together, the awards are now known as the Huon Valley Community Awards and are presented in May, to align with Volunteer Week.

"By changing the name of the awards, our hope is that all community members feel included and welcome to nominate others," said Huon Valley Acting Mayor Toby Thorpe.

Each year the community is invited to nominate individuals and groups who they feel have demonstrated strong community values and have volunteered many hours to community service.

In attendance to officially congratulate the award recipients were Acting Mayor Toby Thorpe, Councillors Armstrong, Burgess and Temby, and the Honourable Nic Street MP, Dean Winter MP and Dean Harris MLC.

Congratulations to the following award recipients:

Milca Perez - Citizen of the Year

Thomas Reed – Young Citizen of the Year

Far South Pride – Community Group of the Year

Huon Art Exhibition Group – Community Event of the Year

Adam Southerland – Sporting Achievement of the Year

Maggy Tomkins – Outstanding Volunteer Service Award for service over 10 years

Donna Hutchins - Lifetime Volunteer Service Award for service over 20 years

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In her citation read out by Dean Harriss MLC, Milca Perez (Citizen of the Year) was described as a caring and passionate member of the Dover community, dedicated to promoting food security and a more sustainable lifestyle.

“She is a generous and positive collaborator who brings the best out of the community and stakeholders, both in the Huon Valley and beyond. She is also a tireless volunteer,” read Dean Harriss MLC.

In closing, Acting Mayor Thorpe announced the launch of the Volunteer Resources Stand which will be located at the Huon Valley Hub. The creation of these resources has been a partnership project between Huon Valley Council, Bendigo City Council, and the Volunteer Network Group.

“I am pleased to announce that we now have eight robust resources full of tips for individuals and community groups. These resources are available in digital and hard copy.”

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